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ANIMALS TOO RICH. SOME OF THEM HAVE MORE ADVAN-

TAGES THAN THEY NEED.

How Evolution Has Affected Certain Specles-Frogs Are Poorly Equipped, Yet They Get a Living Easily-Cats Lead the Predatory Classes.

Certain snakes of medium size carry the most deadly weapon, whether of oflense or defense, owned by any animal. In addition they have the perfect vertebrate structure which Sir Richard Owen so much admired, and can there fore swim, climb and make their way in places where no other animal of similar size can go. They are the best equipped animals of their kind. Side by side with these are found snakes of similar size and equal powers, except that they lack the invincible lethal tridges in the battle of life. Evolution seems arrested for no reason. They not do not develop the power of crushing would be far easier for a common grass snake to kill a frog by poison before eating it, as the cobra does, than to have to swallow it alive. It would save it trouble to crush it, as a young boa constrictor of the same size would do. has developed, nor seems in the least likely to develop, the necessary equip-

ment for so doing. By the theory of evolution the grass snake ought therefore to go back in the world, while the other common English snake, the poisonous viper, armed with a weapon, powerful as a profection and a means of killing prey, increased in size and numbers and took its place. Yet this is exactly what has not hapevidence that the absence of the poison | scribes him in American Cultivator: fangs in any way endangers the survival

It is difficult to account for the ab istence on the same food, but with such motionless, to the absence of any special rain, wind, cold—all run off him "like equipment at all, except that of a rather water of a duck's back." long tongue, in the insect eating frog.

Yet the frog destitute of all these specialized appliances, lives just as well as the swallow, the shrew, the marmoset or the chameleon, and at least one species, the barking frog, finds that to snited to its environment and a large

Our estimate of the physical means and well being of animals is probably set too high. We judge the needs of all from the perfect development and acquired powers of many, perhaps of most, which evolution has provided with appliances in excess of their real wants. Most animals are overequipped. Evolution has run riot and provided them with means and metal far in ex cess of their needs, just as it has provided them with an exuberance of orna-

equipped of all classes of predatory carried, about with her wherever she creatures, and the predatory creatures are | went. The curious thing, however, was by necessity superior in most forms of that in spite of all this show of kindphysique to those on which they prey. ness, she refused to share her food with They are all "built" on one plan, with a special armament of teeth, sheaths to keep their claws sharp, muscles for give her a good scratching for denying springing suddenly to great distances, it food. Although the baboon was greatpadded feet to deaden the sound of their | ly surprised at this treatment, she did movements and color adapted for con- not lose er presence of mind, but at cealment. These acquired appliances are once in fected the kitten's foot and nibin excess of their wants.

The polar bear, which cannot spring and has no sheaths for its claws, and has little obvious provision to aid it in swimming, catches and kills animals not athletic. For instance, in the Richlarger than those killed by the tiger and | mond Amateur Swimming club of Cancan kill them in the water. The wol- terbury, one of the largest and wealthverene, or glutton, which is heavy, slow | iest clubs in the colony and inaugurated and has the feet of a ferret, gets its liv- in 1895 out of a membership of \$20 ing as a carnivorous animal no less well | there ar 90 women members, of whom than the tiger cats, which have a far some 40 are expert swimmers. more specialized equipment for their work.

There is actual evidence from the fossil bones of tigers that this excess of equipment once went further and has been discarded as superfluous. An extinct species developed canine teeth of such enormous size that it has been named the "saber toothed tiger." The teeth were too long for its jaws, and the modern species use shorter weapons, just as modern ironclads are provided with lighter guns. The curling tusks of some of the mammoths and the palmated horns of the Irish elk were also in excess of requirements and are modified for use in the existing elephants and reindeer. Many monkeys possess a thumb, but some do not, and there is no evidence that they are therefore at a disadvantage for their nonprogressive life. - London

Spectator.

Wild ducks, cranes, swallows and several other kinds of birds assemble in flocks as the time of migration approach; and seem to discuss the departure and seem to discuss the departure and Spectator. es and seem to discuss the departure and

YOUTHS DEPARTMENT. In a Boy's Vacation Time-A Number of Home Specialties For the Cirls.

I wonder why they always say They're Herry when it's boliday, And yes it is the rule. Now don't you think it's very queer That no one ever sheds a tear, When I go back to school?

Just the Dog For a Boy.

They do not mean to be unkind But then they are so very blind, They giever try to see When things just break themselves from And sometimes I forget what's right-How good I mean to be.

Our cook to just "Al" at pics, She makes them steaming when she tries, And always feeds toy pup. Was I to blame because she sought Those me'w made tarts in vain? I thought They wanted using up.

My oldest sister is a "brick." she mends a fellow's clothes so quick, And gives me paints and string. But just because by chance I dropped My beothes, on a chair she hopped

And yelled like anything. To please my little sister, too, I'm always trying something new, It doesn't matter what I do, She's searcely ever grateful. To make her doll's eyes move, I tried, When he mistake they went inside, And then (just like a gir.) she cried,

And said that I was hateful! I love my mother most of all But which I got her parasol, To try a fencing stroke, So that h case she needed me I could defend her, don't you see? The Binsy rubbish broke.

They say I don't do as I should; Lived of r yet the boy who could? I don't believe I can I hates the sound of "should" and I'll leads off trying to be good, Until am a man.

Home Specialties For Girls. To most housekeepers the basket that brough creaking up stairs full of owy white clothes is a joy not unixed with bitterness-for everything in the basket has to be carefully looked over to see if mending is necessary, and then sorted and laid away in the bureans of the different members of the wrong before he got a fair chance to family. Here is one way to help them : lower the record of Alix, is in much the weapon. They only carry blank car- Every week be ready to get this bit of same fix as the queen of the turf. Few

ing silver helping in the weekly mendsisters, dotting books, writing notes- Telegraph. and so I could name many other ways of helping to make the machinery of a home run smoothly. They are in themselves simple enough, but the point I would make is to do them regularly, and that is not a simple matter that remires the best kind of character on your part. And all these things and keeping, and if you have not a sufficient | vious record, in fact. number of servants at home, who is go-

Just the Dog For a Boy The Scottish terrier has come into fashion and prominence rapidly the past pened. Grass snakes are larger and more | year. This Scottish terrier is quite a A companion withal and a game dog

at the same time. An excellent watch, none better, and a playmate. He goes sence of any visible failure in life of in- with you on your walk and suddenly sect feeding creatures competing for ex- jumps a stone wall and dashes into the woods. Follow him and you will find unequal physical means for obtaining it he has treed a squirrel or a cat, or as are possessed by the swallow, the | brought a woodchuck to bay on a large marmoset, the shrew, the chameleon stone. He will return only when he has and the frog. In this list of five crea- satisfied himself that he has no work that the physical appliances for obtain- | hole and the rat "at home," he will sit ing it range from the perfect develop- by until the rat is forced out by hunger, ment of speed in flight in the swallow, when he sees his chance to pounce on the addition of hands for capture in the him. He will lie on the rug before the marmoset, bodily quickness and activity | fire after a hard day's work and dream in the shrew, the power of assuming of his exploits, only to jump up at his color exactly similar to that of environ; master's call and dash out with him for ment in the chameleon, supplemented a hunt to see who or what is prowling by a special apparatus for shooting out around the place. He is hardy and ready the tongue and capturing insects when | and able to stand any amount of snow,

Nimble Lads. In China two little rods, about 10 inches long, of wood, bone, ivory, or silver, the the place of knife and fork at meals. These rods, called by forstill and wait till creatures walk into known to a name that means "nimble its mouth. It has acquired a skin color lads." They are both held in the right mouth. But it is not, and could never and third fingers, the other between the be, considered well provided for getting thumb and forefinger; and so neatly and lightly are they made to work together that one can easily understand the reaand appliances necessary for the survival | son for their native name. Every Chinaman that considers himself anybody carries a chopstick case hanging from his girdle. As meat is always served carved, & knife is really not needed; but they usually carry a long, narrow knife

Expert Girl Swimmers.

the case, for the purpose of severing pieces of meat that have not been quite annual report of the president of the A Large Hearted Baboon. There was once a baboon that found ment which delights us, but must al- time to look after not only her own on the Crescent game and \$8 on the ready have passed beyond animal com youngsfers, but also other wee monkeys. Trinity college game. This leaves a bal-Nay, more, when extra monkeylings ance of \$6,302.15 in the treasury, of Probably the cats, great and small, were scarce she was in the habit of steal- which \$2,000 has been voted to the Yale would at once be named as the best ing kittens and puppy dogs, which she field corporation.

bled of the claws.

cherish an idea that a trip to England The New Zealand girl is nothing if could be undertaken by them with success, financial and otherwise. There are said to be about 1,000 proessional bicycle riders in this country. One of the features of the national L. A. W. meet is to be a contest for the

> trick championship. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* AXLE GREASE the World



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Chess is the latest game to be adapted to the uses of city men of business who reside in the country, or, to use the proper term, the commuters. By means of an ingenious contrivance, two people may sit side by side during the tedious AYER'S PILLS hours spent on the train morning and evening and play without attracting any more attention than if reading a

The commuter's chessboard, when folded, looks like a thin memorandum book about 6 inches long and 8 inches wide. It may be easily carried in the pocket. It consists of one stiff pasteboard side, covered with thin Russia leather, and a leather flap which when opened discloses a miniature chessboard, marked out with strips of thin leather so sewed as to leave slits over each square. Two strips across both top and bottom serve to hold the men when

not in use or when removed in play. The chessmen are flat strips of celluloid about half an inch long and onefourth of an inch wide, with the figures marked in red and black. These celluloid strips fit into the slits above the. squares, and are easily moved. The board is held upright in the hand, so that both players may study it. - Ex-

Three Trotting Favorites. Azote, Alix and Fantasy are counted

among the possible record breakers of 1896, but each of the trio is under suspicion for one cause or another, and circuit followers do not class them with the two sound, stout, fresh young 5-yearold Beuzetta and Onoqua. Alix's front ankles and feet bothered her all last season, so that she could not stand the preparatory work necessary to bring her back to her record breaking form of 1894, and there is little ground for be- Mrs. May Johnson, 368 Rider Avenue, lief that she will be in better condition this season, although up to the present time she is said to be moving soundly in her work at Freeport, Ills. Azote, the mammoth California trotter who developed into a world beater in Monroe Salisbury's hands last year, but went Then there are winding clocks, polish- 2:0334, providing his ailing leg does not give way, but with Azote, as withing, taking care of little brothers and Alix, there is the rub. - Philadelphia

Champion Chicken Picker. Frank W. Turner of Eastport, Long Island, a section hand on the Long Island railroad, can pick a full fledged chicken in the astonishing time of five seconds. Experienced chicken pickers require at the least two minutes to per many more have to be done in house- form the same work. That is the pre-

Turner begins by dousing the chicken ing to do them? Surely you are not go- in hot water to soften and loosen the is just the idea. A lawn is not ing to least them all to your mother!- feathers. Then he throws the fowl in meadow and the use of the mower is the air and catches it as it returns, necessary to prevent its beautiful green This is done, he says, because it is turf from becoming a hay field. quicker than turning it about in his want smooth verdure for the lawn, hands. Holding the fowl by one wing, long grass is not verdure and only leaves stubble when cut Our lawn with his left hand, by one rapid movement, he removes all the feathers on its at which we offer them make it fully companion member. Another movement unnecessary for anyone to have an uncarries away all the feathers on the sightly yard. The season is advancing other wing. Then he "whips" the fowl and the mower is an early necessity with the tips of his fingers. The feath- Don't delay to buy one, and remember, ers now fly in all directions. Before one realizes the lapse of time Turner cries hardware line at the lowest prices. out "done," It takes him just five sec-

The National Cycling Meet. The Louisville wheelmen are not asleep, neither is their time taken up quarreling over the 1896 meet, as some of the reports sent out would indicate.

The committees have all had their work in hand, and arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the wheelmen who will come here in August are being Flagging, Curbing and Paving. made as rapidly as could be expected. The largest crowd that has ever attended a national meet is expected. The finance committee has estimated that the total

bring it far beyond that figure.

International Cricket. by the associated cricket clubs with the Australian cricketers, now in England, for a series of international games to be played in America. The first games will be played in Philadelphia Sept. 18, 19 22 Clinton Street, and 21. The second match will be played Sept. 25, 26 and 28, and the third on Oct. 2, 3 and 5. In addition to these matches they will

also play in New York and San Fran- AUG, M. TRESCHOW, C. E. 185 Liberty St. cisco, from which latter city the visitors will sail on Oct. 18.

Yale's Football Receipts. Football pays if it is judiciously managed. This is plainly evidenced in the Yale Football association. The expenses of the season amounted to \$18,970. The receipts of the team figured up \$30,-272.75. A loss of \$81.50 was incurred

Sporting Notes.

Yale is very weak in high jumpers is great. All the good

Tommy Burke of the Boston A. A. has been telling some amusing stories of his trip to Athens. He says he received 32 prizes for winning one race. Pillsbury and Showalter have been entered for the Nuremberg chess tournament. They will sail next month. The colored cricketers of New York

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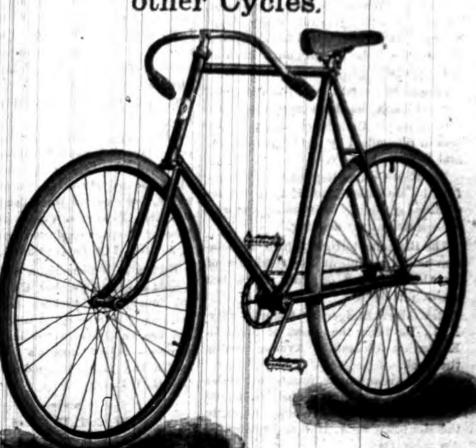
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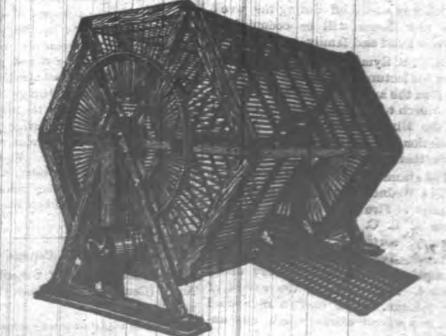
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THE DEMAND NOTES OF 1861 AN The discussion of the money question

seems to pervade the very air in parts of the country. I get letters out tinually asking the status of the fit £60,000,000 of United States treasury notes (known as demand notes) i-suc during the war. In reply I will state that the first \$50,000,000 was authorized by the me

of July 17, 1861. Another issue of \$10

000,000 was authorized by the act Feb. 12, 1862. These two passes ma the \$60,000,000 of notes in question They did not bear interest and we not at first legal tender. They w legally redeemable in coin 'on mand," which caused them to be call-"demand notes." But as the coin the country disappeared during the fir. six months of the war they could i be redeemed in coin, so they began depreciate. In this emergency the sect tary of the treasury ordered them received for duties on imports. As as as they were thus received they reser par with coin. In addition to being ceived in the revenues of the gover ment, the act of March 17, 1862, ma

the demand notes legal tender to same extent as the greenback. In order to be very plain and distinct understood, I will recapitulate. The mand notes amounting to \$50,000. were not actually redeemed in coming the war because the coin was not hand, but they were receivable by government the same as coin and we legal fender to everybody except body holders. The qualities of legal t and receivability kept them as good gold at all times, while the grienback which were not receivable by the gover ment, depreciated considerably It should be noted that the green by

and the demand note were equally deemable on demand. The green bore no future date of redemption; they were due on demand in accord with a recognized principle of law a note demanding payment, with no of maturity, isdue on demand. In p hence the greenbacks were due and deemable in coin the moment of isthe same as the demand notes, but cause of a lack of coin in point of neither was so redeemed during the w So, in the marter of sofa redempti the demand notice and the greents were on the same legal footing. In



March 17, 1862. The demand were, however, receivable in the zines of the government and the gr backs were not. That was the only

That gave rise to the difference in values of the two classes of notes dur the war and up to October, 1878, v the government began to receive greepbacks in the revenues. The late Judge Martin, in his v on "The Money of Nations," cites merous examples of the efficacy of receivability on the part of the gov

ment in maintaining money at par.

'Any, paper money issued by United States and made receivable all debts due the government will "Every step of United States his under the constitution proves this: "1. The notes of the first bank of United States, from 1791 until 14 were made by the law creating the b full legal tender for all debts due

page 168 he says:

United States, whether the bank noin or not. These notes were alpreferred to coin. "2. The treasury notes issued, and without interest, in 1812, 1 1814 and 1815 were full legal tender all debts due the government, and latin and Campbell, secretaries of treasury, say were equal to coin, tho the banks opposed them as they do is

tender notes now (1880). "S. The notes of the bank of United States from 1816 until were made by the law creating banks full legal tender for all debte the United States. They were for years, at home and abroad, better and preferred to coin. From 1837 1848 the treasury notes of the Un States, to the amount of nearly \$1 600,000, with and without into were not only par with but preferre coin, for the reason that the law them specivable for all debts due United States.

"4. In 1857 congress authorisann of \$20,000,000 (reasony ) which the law made full legal to for all debts due the government. were equal with and preferred to co "g. In 1861 and 1862, before the sub of legal tender notes, congress is \$60,000,000 demand notes. They payable in coin, but at first they not made legal tender for debts due government. They went to a disco though payable in coin. But when the order of Secretary Chase, they t made receivable for daties on imp they were at exce not only equal



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